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MEDIA ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Youth Leadership Camp 2007

RAPID CITY, S.D. - South Dakota National Guard Family Support Office will partner with 4H during the 2007 SDNG Youth Leadership Camp on July 16-20 at Camp Bob Marshall in Custer State Park.

This will be the seventh year the South Dakota National Guard has held the Youth Leadership Camp for SDNG youth, and the second year the camp will be held at Camp Bob Marshall.

“We are very excited about this year as we are introducing some new activities such as field trips to Crazy Horse Monument and Reptile Gardens,” said Camp Director Casey Bullis.

Tech. Sgt. Bullis said some of the other scheduled activities for the camp include the Mount Rushmore Lighting Ceremony, trips to the Veteran’s Home and Evan’s Plunge in Hot Springs and the ever popular Karaoke Dance.

“The week is packed full of fun,” said Bullis.

The most important goal of the SDNG Youth Leadership Camp is to bring together children from 10 to 13 years of age whose parents or relatives belong to the South Dakota National Guard or Reserves, said Bullis.

Bullis explained that these youth will have the opportunity to meet others who have a parent in the military and to learn coping skills to deal with deployment related stress. In addition, the camp promotes respect, friendship, leadership and teamwork as well as builds self-esteem and self-confidence.

This is an excellent opportunity for the local media to get photos and video of the 2007 South Dakota National Guard Youth Leadership Camp. Media are encouraged to attend Wednesday July 18, with events beginning at 9 a.m. (MDT).